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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Conversation with Mr. Joseph Scott, Department of State,
1500 Hours, 26 February

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1. In connection with our involved dickering with the Department over the flight line for the U-2 ferry mission and its relationship to possible photo coverage of Laos, Mr. Scott called to say that we have now received approval to fly a straight track minus any on route diversions over Laos, and further that while the approval has been granted by Mr. U. Alexis Johnson and Governor Harriman, the understanding is it is not to be accomplished "while the King (of Laos) is here."

2. Mr. Scott said he could not interpret for me whether this meant we were free to fly as soon as the King leaves Washington or whether the restriction included the remainder of his stay in the United States. Mr. Scott said that Dr. Scoville would have the answer to this.

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